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Their Game Is Subversion

In the early 1950s, the United States Senate under the sponsorship of Senator Joseph McCarthy, investigated various individuals in the employment of the US government whom it was claimed were loyal to the Soviet Union and a world communist conspiracy.

These men were under suspicion of subverting American institutions -- of using unsuspecting citizens to forward their evil goals and influencing US policy so that it was furthering the aims of our enemy.

Very little actual proof ever came out of these hearings, but an undying fear of communist subversion was implanted in the minds of most Americans. Ironically, there is in the world today a subversive organization, dedicated to gathering information by what ever means necessary, to converting agents in the employment of governments, and to carrying out special missions designed to further the goals of its government -- that organization is the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States Government.

This organization, though created in 1947 by an Act of Congress, is not held to constitutional checks. The American public is not allowed to investigate or debate the CIA activities. The ultimate authority over the CIA comes from the President, but by the very nature of the work these men are involved in, the President is often called on to merely justify and make excuses for actions which have already taken place.

Here are a few of the activities in which the CIA has been involved:

1. the training of Cuban refugees for the invasion of Cuba. The CIA convinced President J. Kennedy to endorse the invasion and when it failed, they tried to persuade him to use US troops to invade the island.

2. the U2 flights, spy missions being flown over the USSR which even President Eisenhower had been unaware of until a plane was shot down, led to the destruction of the Paris summit meeting on disarmament. There is speculation that the CIA deliberately allowed Gary Powers flight to be shot down to end the talks.

3.. overthrowing popular, nationalistic governments in favor of military or right-wing leaders who are more acceptable to the CIA the more they are "anti-communist."

Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review has written, "the very existence of the CIA is a monument to the failure of the recent and present generation of policymakers in government to take the basic philosophy of this nation seriously."

He also raised three issues which we feel should be considered by every US citizen and particularly by those who now work for or are thinking of working for the CIA.

1. How does our projected claim of working against "communist subversion" look to the people of other countries when we are guilty of the same methods and the same goals (world takeover) that we accuse them of having?

How can we justify the idea of a "free society" with the existence of such a powerful organization that is sanctioned by our leaders yet without constitutional control and that is against everything our traditional institutions claim to uphold?

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3. Can an organization such as the CIA exist in a free society without corrupting the lives of those who operate in it and the institutions it is intended to preserve. In this respect CIA recruiters are allowed to appear on campuses all over the country, taking the authority of representatives of the US government to place themselves above the review of the student body. We have no opportunity to say "no, we don't want the recruiters." The is reminiscent of recruiters for Hitler's army -- they come and take what they want and no one can object.

We of the SUNYA committee to end the war and the students for a democratic society hope you will join us in saying, NO, YOU CAN'T FOOL US. WE KNOW WHAT YOUR GAME IS, AND WE WON'T KEEP SILENT.

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JOIN US IN PROTESTING THE PRESENCE OF THE CIA ON THIS CAMPUS



This is a letter of information to you from your fellow students of Tulane Students for a Democratic Society, a non-nationally affiliated group whose purpose is to find democratic solutions to the problems of our modern national and international society. Our next meeting will be TUESDAY NOV. 10TH AT 8-10pm IN THE U.C.'S DOUGLAS SMITH ANDERSON ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

We will discuss the problems of Tulane and domestic and international politics then from the viewpoint of finding answers via the democratic principle.

We are handing this leaflet to you as part of our group's attempt to get your support, whether your politics are Conservative or Liberal, because we want to put the CIA recruiters and the CIA on notice that students will no longer accept the CIA's methods of operation that have given them the name "The invisible government." We demand that the CIA restrict, and be restricted, to methods of intelligence work consistent with open democratic institutions and methods. As we illustrate with the NSA case below, the CIA's lack of understanding and responsibility to a democratic approach has hurt our country far more than its work has helped.

THE CIA REPRESENTS ITSELF IN ITS RECRUITING LITERATURE AS A PURELY INTELLIGENCE GATHERING ORGANIZATION (PAGE ONE OF THEIR BROCHURE). IF SO, WHY HAS THE CIA DONE THESE ACTS OF "INTELLIGENCE GATHERING?"-----

PAID THE NSA WITH MONEY AND DRAFT DEFERMENTS to "fight communism." The CIA did this covertly, in contrast to the communist student movement the NSA (National Student Association) was "fighting" whose government links and support were visible. The CIA threatened NSA leaders who considered exposing the CIA link with prosecution; paid NSA foreign representatives up to \$5000 a trip, plus credit cards and free travel; and gave them draft deferments, which it threatened to revoke if the link were exposed by anyone. The CIA used the draft threat to make NSA leaders espouse CIA-politics in student affairs: "The CIA would send an NSA representative to Vietnam, for example, and expect him on his return to oppose the anti-war movement on the campuses." (Drew Pearson 9 March 1967; see also the Ramparts magazine article on the CIA as well as NEW YORK TIMES articles and so forth, such as the Associated Press story on the CIA-NSA link carried in local New Orleans papers Feb. 16, 1967, stating the above). The CIA also made NSA members spy for it, perhaps the only "intelligence gathering" work accomplished for the "almost unlimited funds" given the NSA. (All information in this paragraph can be found in the Pearson and AP stories above, plus James Reston's column Feb. 14th for the New York Times.)

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE CIA HAS BOUGHT THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO THE POINT WHERE PROFESSORS PUBLISH BOOKS THE CIA PAID THEM TO WRITE, WHERE THE UNIVERSITIES FINANCE LARGE PROGRAMS WITH SECRET CIA MONEY AND PLANNING, AND WHERE UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS WITH SECRET CIA LINKS EXPEL STUDENTS FOR THINGS LIKE PROTESTING CIA CAMPUS RECRUITMENT? At Columbia University, for example, Students for a Democratic Society was told last fall that the University had no CIA connections, and the university administration put 18 demonstrations against CIA recruiters on trial. SDS learned in October 1967 that Columbia has a \$ 125,000 program researching national income in Eastern Europe and the USSR, that many of the trustees of the university are members of CIA conduit organizations, including president Grayson Kirk, who has been a member of three conduits. The SDS reported this in their paper, New Left Notes, in October, and proceeded to demand that the university re-instate a student suspended after last fall's demonstration because a fair hearing was impossible from CIA-linked trustees trying a student who was demonstrating against an organization the trustees were at that same moment lying to keep clean-faced.

IF YOU WORK FOR THE CIA, OR IF YOU WERE TO, WOULD \$2500/ MONTH JUSTIFY WHAT FRANCIS GARY POWERS--THE U-2 Pilot--WENT THROUGH? WOULD IT JUSTIFY WHAT THAT CIA ACTION DID TO THE PRESTIGE OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO ITS INTEGRITY AS REVEALED IN THE FALSE COVER STORIES THAT WERE GIVEN BY THE CIA TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, AND UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE ADLAI STEVENSON TO TELL THE WORLD? Can the United States afford another underhanded CIA act to be revealed as those of the Bay of Pigs, the U-2, the NSA and CIO-AFL, and the "intelligence" efforts that have gotten us deeper and deeper on promises of coming victory into Vietnam? Can we afford to allow the CIA to continue to overthrow leaders of other countries (known attempts include Iran, Indonesia, Guatemala, as reported in papers like the New York Times and books on the CIA such as David Wise and Thomas Ross's THE INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT). THE CIA has intervened also in the civilian politics of Laos, South Vietnam, and Burma--countries of Southeast Asia, where our drafted friends are right now dying, and where we eventually will be drafted to fight, to "prevent foreign intervention."

IS THIS THE WAY WE'RE GOING TO LET OUR FREE DOMESTIC UNIVERSITIES AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS BECOME SUBVERTED AND CORRUPTED? IS THIS THE WAY WE'RE GOING TO LET OUR GOVERNMENT OF "OPEN DEMOCRACY" BE REPRESENTED BY THE METHODS OF INTERVENTION, FORCE AND SECRECY ABROAD? SUPPORT OUR PROTEST OF CIA METHODS AS PART OF TULANE STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC. Thank you.